

Amateur Radio Station K2LRC



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RE: Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235 – Morse code

The proposed FCC Rule Making and its associated changes to drop the Morse Code requirement for Amateur licensing needs to be modified. We **MUST** keep the Morse Requirement for at least the Amateur Extra License. The United States Federal Communications Commission cannot make the Amateur Radio spectrum become like the CB bands that they lost COMPLETE control of. NO other country has the disaster of the CB band as we do and we must keep the High Tech part of our Amateur Radio Hobby along with the Morse code testing.

The present 5 WPM level is not a difficult level for those that want to get into the hobby, after all that was the target for all of us that went for the wonderful Novice Class license in the golden years of our hobby. In fact the written test requirements have been made too easy compared to the FCC based testing that was done in the past.

We do not need more Non-Technical Hams! We need those folks that are willing to stretch to get to the wonderful privileges to work the World on the bands that we were lucky enough to use over theyears.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP MORSE CODE! If you are forced to consider the rest of the world's actions keep MORSE CODE AT LEAST FOR THE AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

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